Year	GVA in Agriculture & Allied Sector (Rs. in crores at 1993-94 prices)	Growth Rate %
1995-96	251892	-0.9
1996-97	276091	9.6
1997-98	269383	-2.4
1998-99	288401	7.1
1999-2000	290334	0.7

(d) The National Agriculture Policy envisages an annual growth rate in excess of 4% over the next two decades.

Lowering Ex-FCI price of exportable rice

3512. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to lower the ex-FCI price of rice for export purposes;

(b) if so, to what extent;

(c) whether Government are exploring various options for it;

(d) if so, whether shipment have not picked up in the recent past, due to non-competitiveness of price;

(e) if so, whether any final decision in this regard has been taken; and

(f) to what extent it has boosted the exports of rice and wheat?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) Question does not arise.

Making agriculture export oriented

†3513. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL:
SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of agricultural contribution in the total exports of the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.